

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 18-24, 34-36 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 11-17, and 25-33 were previously canceled. Claims 24, 34, and 35 are currently amended without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 18-24, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 35 and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, claims 24 and 34 have been amended to replace the term "dihydroxyalkyl" with the term "dihydroxypropyl". The limitation of claim 35 was thus written into the independent claim 24. Since claim 35 was said to be allowable, claim 24 as amended should be allowable. Claim 34 was amended for consistency with the amendment to claim 24, and claim 35 was amended to further limit R^2 to hydrogen.

In summary, Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claims 2-4, 6-10, 18-24 and 34 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 24 is also currently amended without prejudice to remove k and k' from Formula (I) and to remove the definitions of k and k'. The amendment is supported by the specification, for example, pages 19-21 which contain Preparations 1 to 7. In each of these preparations, k may be considered to be 1 and k' may be considered to be 1 or 0. Applicants submit that this amendment does not raise new considerations and does not change the allowability of the claim.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.
Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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